

Choose to Reuse Durable Medical Equipment



What is REquipment?

A collaboration of community-based reuse programs that collects donated durable medical equipment (DME), cleans and refurbishes them and reassigns them to people in need at no charge.

- We accept donations of gently-used manual and power wheelchairs, sling lifts, rollator walkers, shower chairs, portable ramps and more.
- We pick up donated items, sanitize and repair them so they are fully functional and safe, and deliver them.
- We make it easy for people to donate and find equipment using a single point of entry, web-based portal of available equipment
- We provide consumer phone support to help people find equipment that meet their needs

Who Benefits from REquipment?

- Kids, adults and seniors across the Commonwealth
- People with chronic or newly acquired disabilities
- Veterans, newly disabled or aging, who need equipment
- People with limited insurance coverage for DME
- People being discharged from hospitals or rehab anxious to return home after costly stays
- Elders who need increased safety at home
- People whose primary wheelchairs are being repaired and need to get to work, school or doctors appointments
- People with a temporary equipment needs due to accident or illness
- Taxpayers and MassHealth because equipment gets a second life serving more than one person, saving \$\$\$ MA landfills

Why support DME reuse in MA?

- Avoids prolonged hospital stays by facilitating quicker hospital discharge getting individuals home safely faster without having to wait for equipment
- Helps people continue to be productive at work and be active out in the community
- Back up equipment can avoid being bedridden and reduces potential costly secondary medical conditions
- Supports the equipment needs of MassHealth, Medicare and OneCare beneficiaries as back up devices
- Cost-effective way to support the Money Follows the Person (MFP) back up equipment requirement
- Supports environmental Green initiatives
- Because "It's the right thing to do."

What does funding mean?

- Continues delivery of reuse equipment beyond the pilot funding end date of June 2014
- Brings REquipment to people beyond the Greater Boston pilot area to span the Commonwealth
- Expands our network of community reuse partners so they can respond to local needs quicker
- Makes it easier for people with disabilities to get the equipment they need to live productive lives
- Provides a faster and cost-effective alternative to purchasing new equipment through MassHealth or other insurance
- Encourages people to give new life to expensive equipment when a loved one passes on, instead of trashing it

How can you help REquipment?

Please make DME reuse your legislative priority and request an additional \$500,000 funding to Mass Rehabilitation Commission account 4120-4000 to be expended for DME reuse program to be administered by the State AT Act Program, MassMATCH within MRC.

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